

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives notice of the department's intent to change its methods and standards for Medicaid payment to add a new provider type Pediatric Recovery Centers (PRC).

Sec 1902(a)(86) [42 U.S.C. 1396a] was amended by the SUPPORT Act to give states the option to cover medical assistance on an inpatient or outpatient basis at a residential infant care center. To comply with requirements in Ohio State legislation, the department is creating a new provider type, PRCs, and establishing a per diem payment rate for services provided at PRCs to infants with significant substance exposure resulting in physical withdrawal symptoms.

The per diem rate includes only the following:

- Activities to encourage caregiver-infant bonding.
- Advising on caring for infants with physical withdrawal symptoms.
- Referrals for services and counseling.
- Direct care costs.
- Discharge planning.
- Non-pharmacological care for infants with significant substance exposure resulting in withdrawal.
- Pediatric medical services including but not limited to prescribing Medicaid, administering rectal or intravenous medication, outpatient laboratory services, sick visits, and onsite well child exams.
- Pharmacological care for infants with significant substance exposure resulting in withdrawal; and
- Training on caring for infants.

Implementation of this change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures by \$4,900,000 for PRC services. The department worked closely with our actuarial partner and organizations across the state currently providing this kind of care model to understand specific costs including staffing, including shift workers and wages, employee related expenses, administration, overhead, census and caseload efficiency. Room and board costs are not included in the per diem reimbursement rate calculation.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;  
Any county department of job and family services; or  
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-18-02: Pediatric recovery centers (PRCs).

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: Non-Institutional Policy, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414 and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: [noninstitutional\\_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:noninstitutional_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be received by **6/30/2025**.

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